GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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PRE MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR RAG PICKERS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides pre-matric scholarship to children of rag-pickers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to stop the pre-matric scholarship for such children;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the number of children benefited by such scholarships during each of the last three years, State-wise including Karnataka?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) & (b) The centrally sponsored scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship to children of those engaged in 'unclean' occupations has been extended to the children/wards of those engaged in waste picking/collecting with effect from 1.5.2013.

(c) Presently, there is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) State-wise number of such children covered under the scheme during 2013-14 is not available.